SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Has the change in the uniform of the Police officers been effected with a view to making them uniform in the whole of the Indian Union?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That also has been taken into consideration. But certain changes have been made to suit the climatic conditions of our State also.

Merger of Pondicherry State

* 111 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have sought the opinion of this Government before the *de jure* merger agreement was signed with the French Government during 1956 with regard to the future of the Pondicherry State;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) whether this Government have made any representation to the Central Government for the inclusion of the Pondicherry State in the Madras State during 1956, after the States Reorganization?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Why, Sir? In view of the States Reorganization that is to take place, will the Government represent to the Central Government to include Pondicherry State also in our Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That question has not yet arisen at all. First *de jure* merger should be completed. After that the Government of India would consider the status of Pondicherry.

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Barnard Institute of Radiology

* 112 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Assistant Surgeons of the Barnard Institute of Radiology was sent abroad at Government cost in the year 1954;

(*b*) if so, for what purpose; and

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Two Assistant Surgeons were deputed abroad in 1954.

(*b*) They were deputed so as to enable them to undergo post-graduate studies in the United Kingdom in Therapeutic Radiology.